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S. 2715

To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to ballistic identification of handguns.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TORRICELLI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ballistic Fingerprints
5 Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. HANDGUN BALLISTIC IDENTIFICATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 923 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(m) HANDGUN BALLISTIC IDENTIFICATION.—

1 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

2 “(A) the term ‘projectile’ means the part
3 of handgun ammunition that is, by means of an
4 explosion, expelled through the barrel of a
5 handgun; and

6 “(B) the term ‘shell casing’ means the part
7 of handgun ammunition that contains the prim-
8 er and propellant powder to discharge the pro-
9 jectile.

10 “(2) INCLUSION OF HANDGUN IDENTIFIERS IN
11 MANUFACTURER SHIPMENTS.—A licensed manufac-
12 turer shall include, in a separate sealed container in-
13 side the container in which a handgun is shipped or
14 transported to a licensed dealer—

15 “(A) a projectile discharged from that
16 handgun;

17 “(B) a shell casing of a projectile dis-
18 charged from that handgun; and

19 “(C) any information that identifies the
20 handgun, projectile, or shell casing, as may be
21 required by the Secretary by regulation.

22 “(3) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO DEALERS.—
23 A licensed dealer shall—

24 “(A) upon receipt of a handgun from a li-
25 censed manufacturer, notify the Secretary re-

1 garding whether the manufacturer complied
2 with the requirements of paragraph (2); and

3 “(B) upon the sale, lease, or transfer of a
4 handgun shipped or transported in accordance
5 with paragraph (2), transfer to the Secretary
6 the sealed container included in the container
7 with the handgun pursuant to that paragraph.

8 “(4) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary
9 shall establish and maintain a computer database of
10 all information identifying each projectile, shell cas-
11 ing, and other information included in a sealed con-
12 tainer transferred to the Secretary under paragraph
13 (3).”.

14 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
16 Treasury shall promulgate final regulations to carry out
17 the amendment made by subsection (a).

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
19 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date on which the
20 Secretary of the Treasury promulgates final regulations
21 under subsection (b).

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